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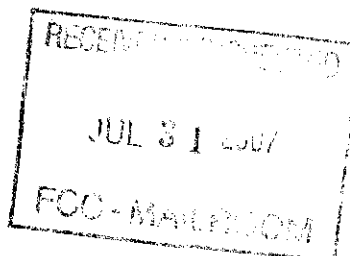
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Federal Communications Commission
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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
Interstate Common Line Support – ICLS
Annual Certification Filing



At NECA's request, Decatur Telephone Co. (SAC-280451) is resubmitting its 2007 ICLS Annual Certification. The original of which was apparently not delivered by the U.S. Postal Service.

Decatur Telephone Co. respectfully asks that this inadvertent, unintentional and unexpected happenstance not reflect negatively on the company's receipt of needed and necessary ICLS funding for its rural community.

Decatur Telephone Co. is not a start up CLEC with no reporting track record. Decatur Telephone Co. is not a new CMRS provider with a wildly fluctuating subscriber base. Decatur Telephone Co. is an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) with sixty (60) plus years of quality service to its rural community. It has faithfully fulfilled all ICLS reporting and compliance requirements since they were first implemented in 2002. For this current filing period – deadline June 30, 2007 – the company had, in fact, completed all the necessary on-line data collection requirements, mailed its certification letters to USAC and the FCC and had, additionally, Faxed copies of these letters to the NECA Southern Region Office on or before June 15, 2007.

To have the company denied ICLS funds due to an unfortunate failure of the postal service would seem unduly harsh in light of the existing corroborating evidence that they had otherwise complied with all actions required of them. Denial of these funds to a rural community that is dependent on quality communications services would not seem in keeping with the spirit of Universal Service.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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